

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Eagle River Library Collection, Technology, Site and Programs Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 370,000**House District: 32 - P**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The new branch library will be a focal point of the new town hall of municipal services in Eagle River. The Chugiak Eagle River branch is the busiest in the municipality and this funding will assist with needed upgrades, replacements and enhancements to the library.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$4,200,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds			\$1,000,000	08		
Other			\$2,700,000	08-09		
Total			\$3,700,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$1,000,000 is secured in private funds including a grant from the Rasmusson Foundation. \$1,700,000 inter-fund loan to purchase the building.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This educational appropriation addresses the new Chugiak / Eagle River library which will be over 20,000 square-feet, doubling its current size. This will allow the library to create a new teen area and children's area as well as expand its computer space. The new library will be outfitted with new furniture and equipment, replacing existing furniture that original and is now more than 30 years old.

Chugiak/Eagle River is the fastest growing area in the Municipality of Anchorage. It also has the highest use among the five branches. With the local school libraries closing an hour after school lets out, the local municipal library provides an safe and educational place for school children to research projects, do homework and participate in community activities.

Project Timeline:

The new library is targeted to open in summer 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES****Capital Budget****Economic & Community Development****PROJECT NAME:** EAGLE RIVER/CHUGIAK BRANCH LIBRARY**PROJECT TYPE:** Libraries**GRANT REQUEST:** \$500,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Chugiak-Eagle River is the busiest branch library in the municipality with more than 11,000 visits a month. The municipality has finalized a purchase agreement to acquire the Valley River Center in Eagle River. The new branch library will be focal point of the new "town hall" of municipal services offered in the building. Creating a town hall in the Valley River Center has been a high priority of the community for years as part of their redevelopment plans. The new library will be over 20,000 square-feet, double its current size. This will allow the library to create a new teen area and children's area as well as expand its computer area. The new library will also be outfitted with new furniture and equipment, replacing existing furniture that is more than 30 years old.

COMMENTS:

The municipality has secured \$1,000,000 in private funds, \$1,000,000 in local funds, and a \$1,700,000 inter-fund loan to purchase the building. A local fundraising campaign is underway to raise additional funds for the collection and furniture. The new library is targeted to open in summer 2008.

JUSTIFICATION:

Chugiak-Eagle River is the fastest growing area in the municipality. It also has the highest library use among the five branches. The current library has furniture discarded by other libraries, an increasingly tattered collection of books and materials, and outdated technology. The new library space will address the rapid growth in the community, the need for new technology and separate spaces for young children and teens.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
9999 - Other Sources	3,700	0	0	0	0	0	3,700
Project Total	4,200	0	0	0	0	0	4,200

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 16-Chugiak/Southern Mat-Su, District 17-Eagle River, District 18-Military**Community Council(s):** Chugiak, Eklutna Valley, Eagle River, Eagle River Valley**CONTACT PERSON:**Mary Jane Michael, Executive Director; Office of Economic & Community Development; 343-4365;
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